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25X1 1. Attached as appendix A is a list of chemicals which are or are not obtainable in shops in the Bucharest area.

2. The supplies of these drugs, in other parts of the country, especially in rural areas are very much more restricted than in Bucharest.

3. All chemicals listed in appendix A are believed to be of Rumanian manufacture; the origin of raw materials is not known.

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Chemical	Rumanian Name	Controlled Market		Black Market		Unit	Remarks
		Availability	Price	Availability	Price per unit		
1. Pyramidon✓	Pyramidon	Nil		Fair	40 lei	Packets of 5 pills, each 0.30 grams.	
2. Quinine	Chinina	Very seldom	10 lei per pill	Nil		Pills, approx. 0.30 grams.	
3. Boric Acid	Acid Boric	All supplies have disappeared w.e.f. Dec. 1950		Nil			
4. Turpentine	Terebentina	Nil since 1942.		Nil			
5. Bicarbonate of Soda✓	Bicarbonata de Soda	Fairly unlimited	80 to 120 lei per kg. according to purity	Nil		Powder, sold in 0.5 kg. and 1 kg. packets also in barrels of 25-30 kgs.	
6. Alum✓	Piatra Acra	Occasionally, since mid-1950.	180 lei per kg.	Nil		Any quantity up to sacks of 50 kgs.	
7. Aspirin✓	Aspirina	Fairly limited poor quality	8 lei per pill	"Bayer" mark usually smuggled into the country.	30 lei per pill	Pills, each 0.40 grams.	Chemists will not sell more than 5 pills at a time.
8. Caustic Soda	Soda Caustica	Not available since the end of war in 1945.					
9. Alcohol	Alcol	All supplies, including Black market, have disappeared since June 1951.					Formerly available on black market at 600 lei per liter.
10. Methylated Spirit	Spirit de Naturat	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	Formerly available at 50 lei per liter (controlled price).

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11.	Citric Acid	Acida Citrica	All supplies, including		Black market, have disappeared since June 1951.			Formerly sold in envelopes (crystal powder) each containing between 8 and 10 grams, at 10 lei per packet.
12.	Silver Nitrate ✓	Nitrat de Argint		Extremely seldom	Not known	Nil	Thin sticks, approx. the size of a pencil.	

Appendix "A" (cont'd)

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